

REMARKS

This document is filed in reply to the Office Action dated May 14, 2004 ("Office Action"). At the Examiner's suggestion, Applicants have amended claim 11 to include the access numbers of hybridomas 3H5 and 9A10C3 (i.e., "CCTCC C200112" and "CCTCC C200113").¹ No new matter has been introduced. **The amendments should be entered as they raise no new issues that will require further consideration or search and also do not touch the merits of the application within the meaning of 37 C.F.R. § 1.116(b).**

Claims 1-4 and 6-40 are pending. Among them, claims 24-40 have been withdrawn from further consideration for being drawn to a non-elected invention. Claims 1-4 and 6-23 are now under examination. Reconsideration of this application is requested in view of the following remarks:

The Examiner rejected claims 11-23 for indefiniteness and lack of enablement. See the Office Action, page 2, line 29 through page 3, line 1; and page 3, lines 13-15, respectively. She kindly suggested that Applicants include the access numbers of hybridomas 3H5 and 9A10C3 in independent claim 11 to overcome the rejections. See the Office Action, page 3, lines 24-25. Applicants have amended claim 11 as suggested, and, respectfully, submit that the rejections have been overcome by the amendments.

CONCLUSION

Applicants submit that grounds for the rejections asserted by the Examiner have been overcome, and that claims, as pending, define subject matter that is definite and enabled. On this basis, it is submitted that allowance of this application is proper, and early favorable action is solicited.

¹ Applicants submitted, with the response filed February 25, 2004, a copy of two official deposit documents for the two hybridomas, which were deposited with the China Center for Type Culture Collection (CCTCC) under the term of the Budapest Treaty.

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